

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

October 12, 2004

Sheriff Deputy Greg Ewing called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Deputy Ewing led in the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members were present.

Mr. Jim Bramble, Auditor, gave the reading of the call.

Mr. David Decker called for approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting. Mr. Scott moved to approve. Mr. Anderson duly seconded.

Mr. Decker called for comments from the Council. There were none.

Mr. Decker asked for comments from the public. Mr. Scott Craig, an attorney representing FuelCell Energy, Inc., requesting final approval of Resolution 2004-5 for the personal property tax abatement. Mr. Craig stated that an amended statement of benefits had been filed with the Auditors office correcting a typographical error. Mr. Lou Britton had also met with the tax abatement committee and received a favorable review.

Mr. Bill Watson, director of Community Corrections, requesting the County Corrections Fund be made dormant and the money be transferred to Project Income. The Department of Corrections is in agreement with this change.

Mr. Dave Patterson, director of Convention & Tourism, requesting the Council's approval on an increase in the Innkeepers tax from four percent to five. Mr. Patterson stated the state average is six percent, with Vigo County being only one of two counties with a rate less than five percent. With the increase in revenue, Mr. Patterson is anticipating being able to build a new office building for the department without any cost to county taxpayers.

Mr. Gordon Pleus, director of E9-1-1, requesting the bonus paid to dispatchers for receiving all of their certifications be increased from \$200 to \$250 per year.

Ms. Bianca Gambill, Linton Township Trustee/Assessor, expressed her concern about the proposed restructuring statewide, which would affect township trustees. Ms. Gambill requests the Council to approve a resolution acknowledging the importance of township trustees and trustee-assessors. Commissioner Bill Bryan added that at a recent Association of Indiana Counties Conference there was a presentation addressing this issue and there were few in favor of the change.

The call began with Jerry Lindsay, superintendent of the Highway. Mr. Lindsay requesting several transfers in order to cover any necessary overtime necessary for the

upcoming winter. Mr. Lindsay also requesting a transfer from Workmen's Compensation to Gasoline. Commissioner Bryan cautioned there is a possibility the Highway may need to maintain some Workmen's Comp money due to a change in the policy.

Mr. Bernie Burns, director of Alcohol & Drug, requesting an additional appropriation for a match for a block grant and a transfer.

The department of Convention and Tourism had submitted a request for additional appropriation for advertising and marketing expenses.

Mr. Carl Gregory, Nevins Township Trustee-Assessor, requesting a budget transfer in order to purchase a copier.

Mr. Brad Anderson, Honey Creek Chief Deputy Assessor, requesting an additional appropriation for reassessment salaries. The 2004 salary appropriation covered six months and they are in need of an appropriation for an additional three months.

Mr. Bob Wright, Prosecutor, requesting an additional appropriation for Infraction Deferral for office supplies.

Mr. Wright also requesting a step increase for the secretary in the Prosecutor's budget based on her years of experience. He is requesting an increase from step 1 to step 5.

Mr. Wright also requesting a grade increase for the secretary for Pre-Trial Diversion. Mr. Wright stated the position is actually one of a legal secretary and should be a grade 7.

Mr. Wright is also requesting a reclassification of the receptionist's position as a Legal secretary in the Infraction Deferral budget.

Ms. Sheila Priester, director of Group Homes, is requesting a budget transfer. Ms. Priester is also requesting the ability to fill a vacant night person position.

Ms. Gretchen Etling, Chief Public Defender, requesting a budget transfer.

Deputy Ewing requesting an additional appropriation for the part time Jail Cook. The full time cook has been out on sick leave and they are out of money for the part-time cook. Mr. Ewing also requesting an additional appropriation for food, hospital fees and pharmacy supplies for the Jail. Mr. Scott stated he would like more information before approving an appropriation for either hospital fees or pharmacy supplies.

Deputy Ewing also requesting an additional appropriation for the Sheriff's department for gasoline.

Ms. Donna Weger, clerk for the Coroner, requesting a grade increase for herself. Mr. Scott questioned Ms. Weger as to whether or not her salary had been adjusted for 2004. Ms. Weger said that it had been.

Ms. Richetta Hale, Chief Deputy for Harrison Township Assessor, requesting an additional appropriation for Level II Assessor certification to qualified employees. There was discussion on how the amounts were to be paid out, either in a lump sum or divided over the remaining pays. Also as to whether or not it was taxable. Mr. Anderson remarked that according to legislation it was a straight \$1000 (for assessors and \$500 for their employees). Mr. Bryan's reply was inaudible.

Mr. Harris, Treasurer requesting additional \$7,000 to 411-21 for overtime help. He stated he needed the overtime help to assist in the late and Saturday hours during tax time. Mr. Roman stated that it has been his experience when extended hours are necessary, persons adjust their hours to cover the situation, and overtime is not needed. Mr. Harris stated that he has \$2,000 remaining in salary and would like to transfer that amount to overtime help.

The Council moved to approve PERF and Social Security as necessitated by any salary changes this evening.

Mr. Decker called for comments from the Council. Mr. Roman stated that the Council was going to have to maintain its stand on extra help and new employees, even though it may not be well received.

Mr. Decker called for comments from the public. Ms. Louise Anderson, with the Health Department, believes the County needs an answering service or machine. At times they have an excessive amount of phone calls regarding hours, flu shot availability, etc. Commissioner Bryan stated the department had spoken with the Commissioners about that, however the request was denied because the Commissioners felt the taxpayers need to be given personal service.

Colleen Wolford, secretary to the Commissioners, expressed concern over the distribution of employee packet. With the amended salary ordinance, she is not sure which positions are eligible to be filled. There was discussion over who should be distributing the packets. Mr. Roman feels the packets are in the Commissioners Office so the Commissioners should determine who is to get a packet. Mr. Decker believes the Auditor's Office should make the decision and hand out the packets.

Ms. Gambill stated that the Indiana Township Association has a way of recouping losses for insurance and medical expenses as it applies to the Jail.

Mr. Curley moves to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Scott seconds the motion.

MOTIONS

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Minutes of the July 20, 2004 Meeting- Mr. Scott moves to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting. Mr. Anderson seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Resolution 2004-05 - Mr. Blade moves to finally approve Resolution 2004-05 regarding the personal property tax abatement for FuelCell Energy, Inc. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Community Corrections- Mr. Roman moves to approve making the Community Corrections Fund dormant and transferring the funds to Project Income. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

E911 Certification- Mr. Scott moves to approve the certification bonus be increased from \$200 to \$250 per year. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Township Trustee/Assessor Resolution- Mr. Anderson moves to approve the Resolution acknowledging the importance of township trustees and trustee/assessors. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Jail- Mr. Curley moves to approve \$2,900 to #411-92 Part-Time Cook. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Mr. Curley moves to approve \$40,000 to #425-40 Food and deny the requests for Pharmacy Supplies and Hospital Fees. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye with the exception of Mr. Blade, the motion passes.

Sheriff -Mr. Anderson moves to approve \$9,000 to #424-40 Gasoline. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Coroner- Mr. Scott moves to deny a grade reclassification. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Harrison Assessor- Mr. Anderson moves to approve \$1,000 to #411-10 Assessor, \$500 to #411-20 Chief Deputy Assessor, \$500 to #411-30 Second Deputy, \$500 to #411-42 Deputy, \$500 to 411-44 Deputy and \$500 to 411-46 Deputy. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Reassessment-Honey Creek-Ms. Miller moves to approve \$3,360 to #411-10 Assessor, \$3,360 to #411-20 Chief Deputy Assessor, and \$3,360 to #411-30 Deputy. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye with the exception of Mr. Anderson abstaining, the motion passes.

Reassessment-Nevins Township- Mr. Scott moves to approve \$1,700 from 411-21 Extra Help to 445-10 Equipment-New. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Treasurer- Mr. Anderson moves to deny request of \$7,000 to 411-21 Extra Help. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, except Mr. Blade, motion passes.

Commissioners-Ms. Miller moves to approve \$1,161 to #415-21 Social Security and \$829 to #415-22 PERF. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Drug Task Force Seized Asset- Mr. Curley moves to approve \$180 to #422-10 Repair to Seized Vehicles, \$10,724 to #445-10 Equipment-New. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Infraction Deferral- Mr. Curley moves to approve \$1,000 to #421-00 Office Supplies. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Mr. Scott moves to approve #411-50 Legal Secretary at grade 7, step 2 in the 2005 budget. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Prosecutor- Mr. Blade moves to approve #411-97 Secretary at grade 7, step 5. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Pre-Trial Diversion- Mr. Scott moves to approve #411-80 Legal secretary at grade 7, step 4 in the 2005 budget. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Title IV-D-Ms. Miller moves to approve the transfer of \$300 from #436-90 in addition to \$900 from #439-20 for a total of \$1,200 to #421-00 Office Supplies. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Convention & Tourism- Mr. Anderson moves to approve the increase in the Innkeepers Tax from four to five percent; Mr. Blade seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Ms. Miller moves to approve \$40,000 to #430-35 Advertising-Marketing Promotion. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Highway- Mr. Anderson moves to approve the transfer of \$2000 to #077-411-20 Area Supervisor and \$5,00 to #079-412-10 Mechanics for a total of \$7,000 from #078-412-60 Tire Repairmen; the transfer of \$1,000 from #079-412-21 Custodial to #079-412-10 Mechanics; the transfer of \$8,800 to #078-411-70 Operators and \$1,100 to 078-412-40 Sign Man for a total of \$9,900 from #078-411-60 Truck Drivers; the transfer of \$23,600 to 077-411-20 Area Supervisor, \$4,420 to #078-411-80 Laborers and \$1,100 to 079-412-10 Mechanics for a total of \$29,120 from #078-412-22 Working Leader. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Mr. Curley moves to approve \$37,260 from #079-430-40 Workers Compensation to #079-424-40 Gasoline. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Alcohol & Drug- Ms. Miller moves to approve \$7,451 to #431-02 Block Grant Match. Also, the transfer of \$3,000 to #411-21 Extra Help, \$230 to 415-21 FICA and \$112 to #415-22 PERF for a total of \$3,342 from #431-00 Testing. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Group Homes- Mr. Blade moves to approve \$2,500 to # 435-45 Repair to Buildings, \$369 to 445-10 Equipment-New for a total of \$2, 869 from #425-40 food. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Mr. Scott moves to approve the vacant position of a night person be filled, Ms. Miller seconds. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Public Defender- Mr. Roman moves to approve the transfer of \$17,090.90 to #445-20 System Hardware and \$7,337 to #445-40 System Software from #433-30 Contractual Services for a total of \$24,427.90; the transfer of \$390 to 445-40 System Software and \$510 to #444-80 Office Furniture from #439-26 Computer Maintenance for a total of \$900; the transfer of \$1,093 to #444-80 Office Furniture, \$693 from #432-34 Prepare & File Briefs and \$400 from 437-40 Mileage; the transfer of \$500 from #435-30 Legal Advertising to #446-00 Office Machines; the transfer of \$8,925.48 from #412-77 Public Defender to #433-30 Contractual Services. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Adjourn- Mr. Curley moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 16th day of November 2004.

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_____	Cedric Blade	_____
_____	Tim P. Curley	_____
_____	Effie N. Miller	_____
_____	Turk Roman	_____
_____	Darrick C. Scott	_____

David W. Decker, President

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Auditor